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Military Information from Burg

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1. Two truck convoys moved through Burg (M 53/Y 61)

and headed toward Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60).

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2. After the departure of the units from the Alte Kaserne, 100 to 200 troops with ten trucks and one tank truck were still observed in the barracks. Tank tracks led from the rear gate of the barracks to the railroad station and to the road to Magdeburg.

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only those shipments had been dispatched which were previously reported, it appears that a large percentage of the troops left by road. **

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3. the Neue Kaserne gave the same impression of being empty as did the Alte Kaserne. The Neue Kaserne was estimated to be occupied by about 300 to 400 men and at least twenty motor vehicles. ***

4. The previous kommandatura building was being vacated and the temporary garage was torn down. A wall poster stated that the kommandatura was located in Zerbsterstrasse, about 800 meters north of the Neue Kaserne.

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5. The gate guards at the Panzer Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. There was little motor vehicle traffic and no training activity

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25X1 Fresh tank tracks led from the rear gate of the barracks to the freight station. About 35 armored vehicles had been entrained [] according to a railroad-man.**

6. Gate guards at the barracks on Zerbsterchaussee wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Eight 25X1 12-man groups were seen drilling in the barracks yard [] 25X1 [] Troops engaged in artillery drill and 25X1 instruction on new guns of about 100 mm caliber, were seen 25X1 in the adjoining training area. []

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25X1 Trucks [] left toward Altengrabow, carrying potatoes from a stack opposite the barracks.

7. The kommandatura was moved from the town center to a building at 8-9 Zerbsterchaussee, which was previously occupied by Soviet officers.

25X1 * [] Comment. The first truck convoy belonged to a component unit of the 19th Gds Mech Div, presumably moving to the Letzling Heath together with the other elements of the division. The numbers of the second convoy were reported from the Soviet Zone of Germany for the first time.

25X1 ** [] Comment. The 136th Gds Hv Tank S& Regt of the Third Shock Army and artillery units, including headquarters units of the Third Shock Army, left toward Magdeburg []

25X1 [] The units went to the Letzling Heath. []

25X1 *** [] Comment. Report confirms that some units were apparently still at the post []

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